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Huskies forward Alex Bradshaw leaps in the air during the game against the Cobourg Cougars last Saturday. /TIM YANO Staff photographer

Complaints in numbers may change school bus decision: Carter

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**
Times Staff

Parents and teachers who aren't happy about changes to school bus policy need to make their concerns known to the school board.

Minden Hills Mayor Bob Carter said it's about the only option available to people who are not happy with the new transportation guidelines applied to Haliburton County by the Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

A school board is given the responsibility to handle schooling within a certain geographic area. The provincial government gives that school board a list of expectations, he said.

But, aside from those expectations, school

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Physician recruitment nets two possible doctors

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Times Staff

Haliburton County has reached out to the Eastern Ontario Physician Recruiter Alliance in its continued efforts to draw doctors to the region.

Wendy Welch, the county's physician recruitment coordinator, provided an update to the upper tier council on progress thus far to attract physicians.

"We are now a team of 16 communities, all from our region of eastern Ontario that are all banding together to improve our reach," she said.

That reach extended to the United Kingdom earlier in October. Each alliance member takes turns sending personnel to such far-flung events.

Welch will soon be sent to a family physician trade show of sorts in Vancouver in early November. She says it will mark the first time Haliburton County's effort have extended outside the province.

"There has definitely been an increase in physician leads and inquiries coming in about Haliburton County," she said. "This is coming in after marketing our updated physician recruitment policy."

Those changes included sweetening the pot for prospective doctors who may be on the verge of committing to working the county. The changes came into effect in May.

The county's recruitment guidelines were thought to have been rigid when it came to stacking funding to lure doctors and specifying minimum years of service for prospective physicians.

Recruitment staff wanted to be able to offer $50,000 in one year and $25,000 in another year. That's as opposed to stipulated amounts per year of service.

Haliburton County started its Physician Recruitment Incentive Program in 2012 for medical students, medical graduates, and physicians. An individual could receive $25,000 annually for up to six years if they committed to practicing in Haliburton County. There is a minimum four-year commitment.

Since its inception and up to May, the program has provided $725,000 to eight physicians who have committed to practicing in the county as of the end of last year.

At the same time in 2017, County of Haliburton Doctor Recruitment Guidelines were established. Before May, the guidelines hadn't been revisited since they were put in place.

Ontario communities continued since 2012 to evolve their incentive programs to meet the changing demands of interested physicians. To ensure its own competitiveness, the county modified its program to allow staff to be responsive when managing inquires and recruitment activities.

The county changed its return of service minimum requirement from four to two years. It gave the economic development director authority over incentives to doctors and allowed funding to be paid out in different amounts per year.

"This seems to be driving the increase of activity," Welch said of the program changes' effects.

It also helps that the region has a new CT Scanner for diagnostic medicine, she said.

"That's really turned up the interest," she said.

In fact, 10 physicians have visited the region over the last three months. That makes a 400 per cent increase over the same period last year.

"It's been keeping me pretty busy," she said.

Two of the 10 candidates expressed interest in relocating and establishing full-time practices in Haliburton County in 2025.

"Nothing's for sure yet," she cautioned. "Nothing's in writing, but it's looking promising."

"It sounds like it's working out in a positive way," said County Warden Liz Danielsen.

Bussing change a 'guideline,' not a law

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boards operate quite independently, Carter said.

"The school board doesn't report to anybody," he said.

A township council or even a resident isn't able to elevate a concern to the Ministry of Education if no help about an issue is offered by the board.

That's the case for the school bus service in some county townships.

Some young Minden Hills students have to walk almost two kilometres to get to school in the morning and to get home in the afternoon due to changes in bussing. The change also affects nearby Dysart where some high school students have as much as three kilometres between home and the school.

Safety concerns will be compounded when the winter is in full swing.

Carter and Dysart Mayor Murray Fearrey met with school board officials in October to discuss changes in bussing routes.

Carter said a 2020-21 school bus policy change denied a ride to students who live inside 1.6 kilometres from their school. High school students will have to hoof it or avail some other conveyance if they live within 3.2 kilometres of their school.

The province provided that transportation "guideline" to school boards, Carter said.

"Then each of the school boards were supposed to look at it and determine the applicability of that guideline," he said.

The school board takes in Perry Sound, the Muskoka region, Kawartha Lakes, and Haliburton County. The board introduced that new bussing guideline to each area in a different year.

"This year is when they got to Haliburton and Minden," Carter said. "In doing that, they were supposed to look at does that make sense?"

Sauntering 1.6 kilometres in a city is vastly different than trudging along that distance in a rural setting.

Picture Bobcaygeon Road or Deep Bay Road and some others. Then consider that when the snow is over your ankles and the wind howls.

Carter said he and Fearrey were told by school board officials that people drove the affected bus routes to evaluate what students may face humping the distance.

"They said it was fine," Carter said.

The school board also told the mayors that just two phone calls were received about the transportation change, Carter said.

"They're the people that one needs to contact to say that people are not happy with this situation," he said. "Again, the 1.6 and the 3.2 (kilometre limits) aren't law. They're guidelines.

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> — MINDEN HILLS MAYOR BOB CARTER

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He's worried the changes to bussing is part of a phenomenon that he calls "a phantom download," he said.

"It's the situation where the province makes some decision and then some other intermediate body changes the way they do things, expecting that the municipalities are going to pick up the responsibility for things," he said.

"Municipalities don't have money for that. The fact of the matter is the school board is granted money specifically to do that."

He's watched as half-full school buses have driven past students walking, but they're inside the distance limits. And that's not acceptable, he said.

"I basically appeal to anybody out there who has a complaint with this to contact the school board because they're really the only ones who can make a change and end this decision," Carter said.

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Meeting human service needs is complicated by scarce resources

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**
Times Staff

The human services environment has changed dramatically over the years.

And Ron Taylor, the CAO of Kawartha Lakes, said investment in human services is needed to keep pace collectively with the community's needs.

The provincially appointed Consolidated Municipal Service Manager, which was established in 1999 for the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County, conducts system-wide planning and delivery for early learning and childcare.

The mandate includes social assistance and housing and homelessness prevention.

Taylor said a sound working relationship continues between both centres.

"The main lesson that we learned through the pandemic was that we needed to lean on our people," he said. "It's our people that are delivering these services collectively."

The environment of human services has experienced a "revolutionary" and constant amount of change in every single facet, every program and service area of human services and the associated provincial government ministries that support programs.

"It's relentless," Taylor said. "It's legislation change. It's funding changes. It's service delivery changes, who is delivering the service? And that's just in our own space that we feel like we may have some control over but, quite frankly, we're chasing it constantly."

He believes there is some light at the end of the tunnel and service delivery agencies are on more solid footing for 2025.

Taylor delivered to Haliburton County council the latest draft of the service manager's budget for next year.

"We certainly are recognizing that, in the municipal space, resources are scarce," Taylor said. "The taxpayer can only pay what they can pay (so) we want to make sure that what we bring forward is sustainable and that we can sort of manage it and smooth out those fluctuations in the portfolios."

Thirteen per cent of residents served in the social services and the housing services program divisions are from Haliburton County. Accordingly, as part of a cost-sharing model, the county covers 16 per cent of administration costs in the social services budget and 29 per cent of the housing services money.

"This is all within the partnership agreement we have together," said Cheryl Faber, the town's human services director, in explaining how the budget is allocated.

Some of the numbers in affordable and community housing across Haliburton Highlands indicates that a dozen households have been supported through the Kawartha Haliburton Renovates from 2022-24.

Operational reviews of three non-profit housing providers were completed for 198 housing units.

Community Housing received 163 new applications this year. Of the 2,920 people on the Community Housing wait list, 974 households have applied for a unit in Haliburton as of Sept. 30.

"You can just start to see the increase in demand and you can see the story here," Faber said.

Five applications were received this year with special priority status for housing. They were victims of human trafficking or domestic violence.

And as many as 38 households got Stability Support assistance which includes programs such as Ontario Disability Support Program, programming for seniors, and non-Ontario Works benefit recipients.

Haliburton County's total cost share in the presented draft 2025 budget is about $2.8 million. That's about 28 per cent more than this year.

Councillor Bob Carter, who is Minden Hills' mayor, said the county doesn't have a taxation base to be able to afford the kind of contribution

"How are we going to be able to afford and justify this?" Carter said. "It's almost a rhetorical question, I guess, but it doesn't seem to be that it's going to be sustainable."

"I'm not quite sure how to answer that, Coun. Carter, because obviously that's a conversation that needs to happen at your table," Faber said. "We have done our best in our projections forward. We've been conservative as we can be in certain areas."

Any variances because of staff vacancies or program cost decreases as 2025 progresses, she said those freed resources will be used across the budget line.

"And we always, always, always maximize the 100 per cent provincial funding first," she said. "That's our go-to. We always go there first."

"I don't have the magic silver bullet by any means," Taylor said. He added that the county's financial concerns are shared by the city.

"It isn't sustainable," Taylor said. "I think we're coming to that conclusion. We're in the business, though, and so we're grappling with how do we make it as sustainable as possible in our respective local environments."

"We received lots of notice … regarding the potential for these increases," said Gary Dyke, the county's CAO. "That's allowed us to reprioritize our budgeting discussions internally going forward."

Carter said there are agencies responsible for medical or mental health services and they're just not pulling their weight.

"And we are picking up those costs," Carter said. "We're sort of like the last resort. We can't not pick up those costs … but it really isn't our responsibility."

He said you end up with a situation in which somebody seeks help for a mental health crisis and the custodian is the only available staff to assist them.

"This is a huge issue and other people dropping the ball is causing us to have financial difficulties," Carter said.

"Somehow it all comes down to money," said Coun. Walter McKechnie, who is the deputy mayor of Dysart. "Somehow we've got to get a message to the province that their priorities are not what the common folk, what they're priorities are."

Electronic vehicles and other initiatives the province supports has elbowed health care needs farther down government's list.

"Our health care system in a priority like this should be near the top of the list," he said. "We've got to take care of our people and that's what we're not doing."

A bug's life

A hickory tussock moth larva was found hiding under a leaf. If possible, please leave piles of leaves out for critters to overwinter. /Photo by Lavdeep Jallandhra

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- Minden Hills the Santa Claus Parade is back on Saturday, November 16 starting at 11 a.m. at the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena. Parade will travel along Parkside St to Bobcaygeon Road to Newcastle and end at the Township office parking lot on St. Germaine.
- Community Services has a variety of Youth Programs. Check them out online and register today!
- Register for Fitness classes today! New session starts next week. Register in person at the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena or online at www.mindenhills.ca.

WINTER PARKING

From Nov 1st to Apr 30th overnight parking is illegal from midnight to 8:00 AM on township roadways and parking lots. Parking in the turning circle of a cul-de-sac is prohibited during all hours. Vehicles parked in areas that interferes with snow removal will be towed away and/or ticketed at the owner's expense.

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- Thursday, Nov. 7 at 1:00pm: Screening of "Forgotten Warriors: The Story of Canada's Aboriginal War Veterans" (1997). The film highlights the experiences of Indigenous Canadians who fought in WWII only to return home to inequality. Admission is free, all ages are welcome. The documentary is provided courtesy of the National Film Board (NFB).
- Saturday, November 16 from 11am to 3pm: Annual Christmas in the Village. Local artisans, Christmas crafts, old-fashioned candy shop, and more! Santa will be there after the Santa Claus Parade. The Haliburton County Public Library will offer button-making and story time. A book sale, hosted by the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library, will run from 10am to 2pm. Admission is by donation.
- Now accepting vendor registration forms for the Artisan Market Place at our Christmas in the Village event, taking place on Saturday, November 16 from 11am to 3pm. Email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca for vendor information.
- World-renowned local artists Gary Blundell and Victoria Ward share their exhibit *Burner Herzog*. The exhibit is on display until November 23 at The Agnes Jamieson Gallery. Tuesday to Saturday, 10 am – 4 pm. Admission is by donation.

For more information on all the programs and exhibits email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca or call 705-286-3763.

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A MESSAGE FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES

All Cemetery Fall clean-ups are taking place November 18 – 30, 2024.

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Watson named Highlander of the Year

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Times Staff

MP Jamie Schmale, Highlander of the Year winner John Watson, Heather Kennedy, and MPP Laurie Scott smile at the Chamber Awards evening on Oct. 25. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff

When you meet John Watson, you can't help but smile.

Whether it's passing him by on the street, standing in line with him at a coffee shop, or bumping into him at his work at the municipality or the gym, he's always bringing an energy that's contagious.

And, when asked about his zest for life, it largely stems from calling Haliburton home.

"I always joked that when I retire, I'd move up here," he laughed. "But one day I thought, why wait?"

Watson is the environmental manager for Dysart et al. He is also a coach at Sweat Social fitness, a recreational stage manager, and, most recently, Haliburton County's Highlander of the Year; an award he was honoured with during the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce awards night on Oct. 25 at the Haliburton Legion.

According to the Chamber website, Highlander of the Year is someone who has shown dedication to their community for years. They have played a major role in the region, making a difference on the environment, people, the arts, or in business. Their commitment to the community must be seen in a range of involvement, above and beyond their business role.

"I am so honoured, so humbled," he said. "To be recognized with some of those other nominees is such an honour."

After 15 years of cottaging in Haliburton, Watson officially made it his home just before the COVID-19 pandemic hit in 2020. At the time, he was working as the communications officer for SIRCH, which provided him with the opportunity to explore some of the initiatives that the not-for-profit offers, such as the Repair Cafe and the Thrift Warehouse.

These ideas got his gears turning.

Once his contract ended with SIRCH, Watson jumped into the role of environmental manager for the municipality. "Everyone always makes waste," he said. "It's something we all have in common, and we all have to play a part in minimizing that."

With a background in theatre production, as well as a contract with SIRCH community services under his belt, Watson dove into the position with a zest for a new chapter in waste management. "I thought to myself, this is kind of like putting on a show," he said, in reference to the many outreach programs he has offered to the community over the past four years.

One of these programs is to visit schools, and educate kids about the importance of reducing, reusing, and recycling. "Those programs are really well received," he beamed, noting that he is always open to new partnerships and opportunities to work with the youth in our community when it comes to environmental education.

Another initiative that Watson has moved forward was the Great Haliburton Clothing Swap, which took place this past fall, and was met with tremendous success. The idea of the swap was for folks to drop off gently used clothes at Haliburton School of Art + Design, and swap them out for something new, to you. With thousands of garments donated, Watson noted that even with over 200 people shopping through, over 350 pounds of clothing were remaining, which Watson was able to divert from local landfills, and recycle or donate respectfully. "I am trying to find ways we can make efforts to divert waste," he said. "And just trying to get as much material out of landfills as possible."

When he's not wading through used textiles, you can often find Watson at the gym, where he works as a coach. "I grew up in an arts school," Watson laughed, "so anything sports related was frowned upon. But it's such a great community, everyone is fantastic, and it fuels another part of me."

Watson joined Sweat Social on a whim, after seeing posts about it on social media. With a crossfit certification, he instantly felt at home in the space, and wanted to find ways he could get more involved in the business. "It's really another passion of mine," he shared. "Everyone there has goals, and I love seeing people push themselves to reach those goals."

But while environmental initiatives and coaching keep him busy, Watson is starting to reconnect with his early passion of theatre. "I was the stage manager for the Burlesque Ball this (past) summer," he shared, noting that he loves the energy that surrounds a production like that; lights, colour, magic.

With his recent nod as Highlander of the Year, Watson shows no signs of slowing down when it comes to his love of Haliburton County. He beamed as he shared his love for Thanksgiving in the county, with his family visiting, traditions they have started, and memories they have made.

He's also an elusive lover of the winter months, with his recreational passions of skiing, snowshoeing, and winter hikes.

"Every time my family comes up to visit," said Watson, "they always comment on how happy I am here. I just love living here, and I can't imagine being anywhere else."

Minden cemetery cleanup commences

by **THOMAS SMITH**
Editor

If you have driven around Minden, surely you have seen the signs advertising Minden's cemetery clean up this year. From Nov. 18 to 30, the Township of Minden Hills will be cleaning up the cemeteries and preparing the grounds for the winter.

"The cemetery cleanup purpose is to maintain decorum of the cemetery. Our Community Services team is understanding and sensitive to the needs of people who are spending time visiting the final resting place of their family members or friends at our cemeteries," explains Candace McGuigan, director of community services. "We continue to review and look for ways to share important date details with the families/loved ones on clean-up details. With a goal to provide a cared for safe space where all the families and loved ones can visit. Initially, we share important information regarding the clean-up and maintenance needs of our cemeteries. Noting this is to provide a cared for safe space that is also safe for our employees and contractors."

"With input from the community, we have implemented set dates for the annual Spring and Fall clean-ups. As well as signage, we have advertised date details on our website, in our recreation guide and in our Township ad in the local newspapers. We will continue efforts to communicate regarding our maintenance and the spring and fall clean-up activities."

"When a plot / site is purchased, the current Cemetery By-law is shared which outlines the information regarding the clean-up process, along with guidelines that includes hazardous materials," said McGuigan. "We provide the notice with the timing, so loved ones can collect items that they would like to place back out in the Spring. Family members are contacted personally if an item is removed by staff and can be safely transported and kept. Removing items and contacting family would be if a prohibited item such as articles made of hazardous materials, non-heat-resistant glass (excludes glass attached to monuments), ceramics, or corrosive metals; loose stones or sharp objects; trellises or arches; chairs and benches. We work with the families and loved ones in a sensitive and compassionate manner."

McGuignan says that the hazard is not only to maintenance staff, but to internment right holders, staff of the cemetery, and visitors to the cemetery.

"Glass blocks, glass hanging mason jars, swiss army knives are a few items that have been discussed with family / loved ones. If there is a small memento such as rocks or coins on a monument we will leave them in place," said McGuigan. "Staff use judgement and care to determine if an item poses a risk of being a projectile when trimming. If okay, the item(s) are left. If there is a concern, we will reach out to the interment right holders for removal and provide a removal date. The date is provided so the site can receive the agreed upon maintenance required."

"Last fall, we implemented specific Fall and Spring clean-up dates. This provides loved ones a consistent timing year to year. I have spoken with other Cemetery Operators (neighbouring Municipalities) and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario and all note that the Spring and Fall clean-up are common practices for cemeteries in Ontario."

"Our team is working very hard and we are focussed on resolving any issues / concerns regarding cemetery upkeep. We understand that cemetery cleanup is a sensitive task. I along with the Supervisor of Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries attends with Operator staff to review the items that are being removed. This task is not taken lightly by the Community Services Department team and all efforts are made to do removal with empathy and respect."

"I am proud of our team, they show empathy and compassion at all levels of the cemetery operations, from plot purchasing, walking through the burial procedures, interactions with families / loved ones when conducting regular maintenance and clean up processes. We provide a final resting place for friends and family members. A cared for and safe place that they can come to visit, reflect, and remember."

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> **— CANDACE MCGUIGAN, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

"Items left in the cemetery throughout the winter months have the most adverse weather to survive through, so being removed in the Fall and put out in the Spring is greatly appreciated and provide longevity to the memorials. We are also happy to work with everyone, contact us with your questions and/or concerns. Our focus is to resolve the items we can and have thoughtful discussions with people on the processes and the reason they are in place."

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Who won?

TODAY IS the day! In my house, everyone cannot stop talking about the election that is happening today (Or yesterday, as of this paper's printing). Every time I look up the current election standings, I see a different candidate in the lead. Some even say the presidential race is a coin toss.

I am writing this prediction on Nov. 5, the day of the election. I predict that Donald Trump is going to be the next President of the United States.

My gut is telling me that Kamala Harris is going to win the popular vote, but not gain enough electoral colleges to score the presidency.

If she does win, there is no chance that Donald Trump will accept the defeat and concede. His ego is too inflated and there is too much riding on him not backing down.

Everything negative that Trump has done; all the lies, swindles, and crimes made by the felon were highlighted again and again over the past few months.

THOMS SMITH
Editor

I hope that several mistakes from the Republicans lead to their downfall.

I hope that they have lost a large portion of the Hispanic vote after Tony Hinchcliffe's racist remarks at Madison Square Garden. Notable Republicans like Dick Cheney, Arnold Schwarzenegger, and Adam Kinzinger have openly endorsed Kamala Harris. They have identified the dangers that Trump and Project 2025 has on America.

Why can't enough people see the danger that this man poses?

This year's election will have a massive impact on Canada, whether we like it or not. Recently, Harper has vocalized support for Trump. The effects of the MAGA hivemind continue trickle upwards to Canada.

Perhaps next year, we will see Poilievre driving in a garbage truck and serving fries at McDonalds.

Last night, I had to pull my brother away from the television. He kept on watching videos after video on the election. It was clearly having a strong negative affect on him.

Be mindful when you are reloading and reloading pages and live news updates today. The weather is getting colder by the day. Why not treat yourself? How long has it been since you made yourself a cup of hot chocolate? You have earned it. Self care, especially during the oncoming SAD season, is crucially important.

I sincerely hope that Harris will become the next President of the United States. After the overturning of Roe v. Wade, I hope Harris supporters come out to vote in droves during this election. I hope she wins by a landslide against the convicted felon. Harris is set to become the first female President of the United States.

Do I think America is ready for that? Yes.

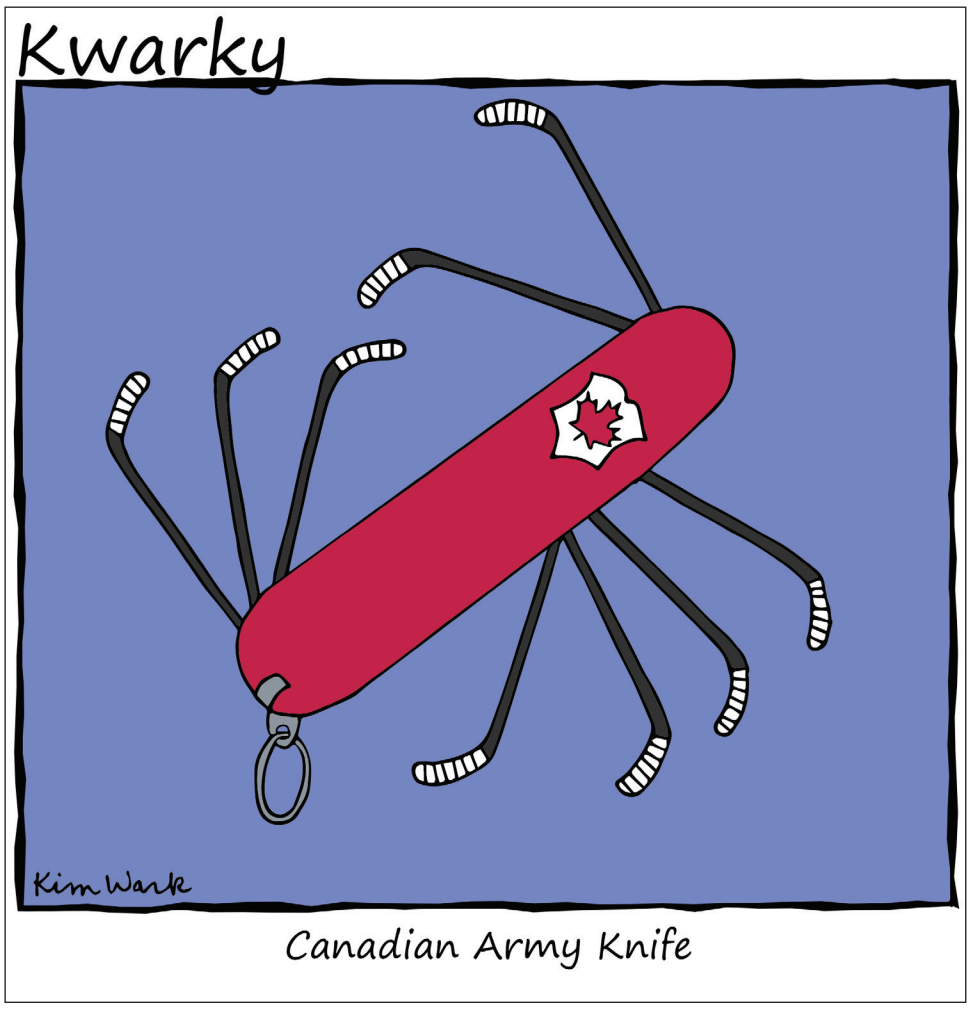
Do I think that MAGA ideologies and the distaste of the left is alive and well in America? Absolutely.

Due to this, I don't think America will make Harris the next president.

This election is a coin toss. For this to change, we are going to need the youngest generation to vote. There are by far the smallest demographic of voters in the United States and Canada.

We need to vote and make the voices of the youngest generation heard.

Depending on the results of yesterday's election, I will either carry on with my day like normal, or have a heavy shadow of existential dread following me.



Canadian Army Knife

The worst wild game dinner

WE HUNTERS have a reputation for being adventurous eaters. That's partly because we follow an ethical code that encourages us to eat anything we harvest. This is just one more reason why, if reincarnation is true, I would prefer to come back as a skunk. But that's another column altogether.

So back to the point. The average hunter has probably eaten a greater variety of meat than most non-hunters could dream of. I have had the pleasure of consuming woodcock, snipe, varying and European hare, cottontail rabbit, eastern gray squirrel, ruffed and spruce grouse, chukar, bobwhite quail, wild turkey, pheasant, almost every North American species of waterfowl, sandhill cranes, moose, caribou, elk, muskox, mourning dove, pigeon, black bear, and whitetail and mule deer. And I can honestly say, I've enjoyed them all. Each of those game species, when prepared correctly, is a nice change from store-bought meat.

STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

The only wild game meal I have not enjoyed – and, in fact, the one I detest most – is tag soup. But that should not come as a surprise to anyone. I don't know a single hunter who enjoys it.

The recipe is simple enough. The ingredients required for traditional tag soup include portions of unintentional sound or movement, clumsiness at the wrong time, bad shot placement, poor marksmanship, jittery nerves, forgetting to take your firearm off of safe, the wrong wind, inattentiveness, dosing off, impatience, poor judgment, and well-placed trees. Substitute ingredients to your own taste – it won't matter. There's no way to make tag soup taste anything but bitter.

It's bad enough consuming it alone, but it's even worse when you and your hunting buddies sit down to consume a few bowls of it together. Or when someone who doesn't hunt hears about your culinary misfortune and tells you about the deer they always see in their yard.

Unfortunately, tag soup is an outdoors staple for some folks every hunting season. And it continues to leave a bad taste in your mouth long after the season is over too.

You'd think that something that tastes this horrible would be good for you. But, sadly, it is not.

I suppose if you were trying to lose weight, a little tag soup every now and again, wouldn't hurt. But, otherwise, it has no nutritional value or culinary appeal.

I guess the only good news is that there is a limited amount of tag soup one hunter can consume throughout the hunting seasons. The current flavours are wild turkey, black bear, deer, elk, and moose – and, at the very worst, you only get one or two bowls of each.

I consume a bowl or two each season and still haven't got used to it. Heck, I'd rather eat tofu or kale than tag soup, and that's saying a lot. That's why, this afternoon, I'll head out again and try to avoid the ingredients.

It also occurs to me that tag soup does not even benefit from its name. As soon as you hear someone say it, you know its something you never want to taste.

If I were a public relations guy, I'd work on fixing its image and finding something about it to make a positive of. It wouldn't be easy, but it might make consuming it a little more palatable. Perhaps, they could market it as lean cuisine.

InOtherWords

Columns and Letters to the Editor

It costs more than you think

OCTOBER WAS Spooky Lakes month. Started by artist, teacher, and author Geo Rutherford, the annual October series on TikTok details 31 days of what Rutherford refers to as "haunted hydrology." Each day a different lake or water-related phenomenon is presented with spooky undertones. This year, one of her videos was simply titled "Toxic Lake," and provided a striking example of how technology can have drastic human and environmental costs.

In 1978, then dictator of Romania, Nicolae Ceaușescu, ordered the picturesque mountain village of Geamana to be evacuated. Approximately 400 families, many of whom could trace their ancestry in the area back thousands of years, were forced to leave their homes, community, and interred loved ones. The reason for the evacuation was the nearby Roșia Poieni copper mine.

Copper is mined using an open pit process. Simply put, the top layer of land is dug up by machinery exposing mineral-rich rock underneath. The rock is then blasted, removed, crushed, and mixed with water. Chemicals are added to the resulting mix which bond to the desired minerals allowing them to be separated. The copper goes on to be smelted, leaving the mix of pulverized rock, unutilized metals, and water, referred to as tailings.

Tailings can contain chemical residue as well as high concentrations of degrading minerals posing an environmental hazard to groundwater and aquatic ecosystems.

ERIN KERNOHAN-BERNING

Humans and Technology

In more modern mining operations, these tailings go through a process called impounding where through a variety of methods the water is recycled, and the solids are isolated from the environment.

For Geamana in 1978, there were no such environmental considerations, and Ceaușescu allowed the Roșia Poieni copper mine to decant its tailings into the mountain valley that was home to the village, flooding it with sludge. As time has passed, the various minerals in the viscous lake have degraded resulting in brilliant colours of oranges, yellows, and blues, with remnants of the village poking up through this toxic rainbow. As the mine has continued to operate, the level of the lake continues to increase slowly wiping any trace of Geamana from view and threatening the ecology of the surrounding area with its highly acidic waters.

Every aspect of our lives is touched by copper. From the wiring in our homes that deliver electricity, to the conductive elements in our smart devices, all include copper as a critical component. In terms of making individual environmental choices, just opting out of using copper isn't really a realistic one. Yet, copper comes with a very stark legacy of environmental harm. This is also true of many other minerals used in our technology, such as lithium. Extracting minerals from the ground is an environmentally disruptive and hazardous business.

Artificial Intelligence is already changing our ecological landscape. Google and Microsoft have both revealed that their carbon emissions have increased since they focused on AI. The vast amount of electricity needed to power the generative AI tools they are integrating into their products, especially where that electricity is generated by coal-fired plants, has meant an increase in carbon dioxide emissions which contribute to climate change.

Both companies have announced they are looking to nuclear power in their ongoing efforts to be "carbon neutral." However, calling nuclear power carbon neutral does not take into account the environmental impact of the mining of uranium or the management of the resulting waste products. In her book *Atlas of AI*, Kate Crawford states the backbone of AI is, "made of rocks and lithium, brine and crude oil." Every process and device associated with AI, whether the computer components or the electricity that powers them involves mining.

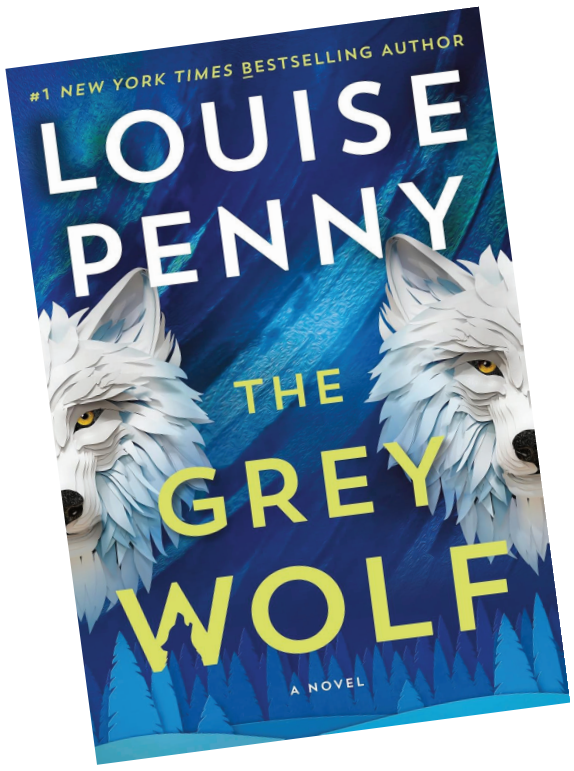
Philosopher and actress, Abigail Thorne, states in her video essay "AI is an Ethical Nightmare" that, "the idea that the tech sector … is 'clean' is a very profitable lie." She details all the different stages at which technology like AI involves human labour, including data labeling that can expose workers to traumatic, violent and exploitative imagery. Much like e-waste recycling (discussed in a previous article), AI relies on a massive hidden workforce that is undervalued and unprotected.

While we rely on the technology we use, we need to understand that the cost of our devices is more than the dollar amount we personally paid. Technology irrevocably changes the landscape of our world, and directly affects humans involved in its creation. The fate of the people of Geamana, of which only a handful still live at the fringes of the toxic lake that swallowed their village, is only one of many examples of this. Individually just not using technology at all might not be an option, but we can advocate as consumers and the voting public to ensure that corporations and policy makers better protect humans and the environment when making decisions around the use, adoption, and production of technology.

Minden Memories

Robert Moon of Haliburton poses with two bucks on a snowy November day, holding a model 1894 Winchester rifle. This photo was generously donated by Ken Bowron, grandson of the hunter. /Photo courtesy of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre

HCPL's Book of the Week



Armand Gamache, head of homicide at the Sûreté, has been disturbed by relentless phone calls, signaling the start of a series of eerie events in the quiet village of Three Pines. A missing coat, a cryptic note, and a murder propel Gamache and his team into a dangerous investigation. As they uncover a growing threat that spans across Québec and beyond, long-standing alliances fracture, leaving Gamache unsure whom to trust. With a catastrophic danger looming, he must act quickly before it's too late.

The Grey Wolf by Louise Penny is available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library.

Charles Rumbelow

Editor's note

by **THOMAS SMITH**
Editor

Charles Rumbelow was born in Minden to Samuel and Annie (née Burton) Rumbelow. He was attested into the 109th Battalion CEF in Minden in December of 1915. Later the next spring, he was moved to Camp Borden near Barrie for advanced training. Later, the battalion moved to Barriefield Camp in Kingston. In July 1916, Rumbelow went aboard the SS Olympic and continued their training at Bordon Camp and then to Bramshott. In October of 1916, he was transferred to the 21st Battalion. Due to an ear infection, he never physically joined the 21st Battalion and was transferred to work duty. Throughout most of Rumbelow's duty, he was a part of the Canadian Railway Troops. When discharged, Rumbelow was ranked Sapper and was awarded the British War medals and Victory medals.

Rumbelow passed away in 1988 and was buried in the Minden Cemetery with his mother and father.

'The County remembers'

Nov 15 1985 / FILE

Hundreds of veterans, residents, and young people throughout Haliburton County paused during the weekend to pay tribute to the soldiers who died for Canada. Ceremonies were held in Kinmount, Wilberforce, Minden and Haliburton to honour the soldiers. The services in Minden and Kinmount were held on Sunday.

Braving cool temperatures and gusty winds, members of Branch 129 of the Royal Canadian Legion led a contingent of marchers to the county cairn erected next to the Minden Cultural Centre. After the playing of the last post, wreaths, in memory of the war dead, were placed at the foot of the monument. Those laying wreaths included Mrs. Mary Cox of Minden, representing the Province of Ontario, Joan Irish, Branch 129 president on behalf of the Legion and Deptury-Reeve Ed Pergolas for the townships of Anson, Hindon and Minden.

Of particular significance at the Minden service was the presence of Minden's only surviving World War One veteran, Charlie Rumbelow.

Following the cairn service, the marchers and participants returned to the community centre for a social hour.

In Kinmount, the members of Branch 441 led the marchers to the cenotaph on the community's main street Sunday morning. After a brief ceremony, wreaths were laid at the cenotaph.

Victoria-Haliburton MP Bill Scott, a member of the Kinmount Branch, told the audience that he was pleased to place a wreath donated by morning as services were held at the cenotaphs in Haliburton Village and Wilberforce.

Branch 129 of the Royal Canadian Legion was the Minister of Veterans Affairs, George Hees, at the Kinmount marker., He noted this was the first time the federal agency had provided the tribute and that on future Remembrance Days, he would be presenting it at other cenotaphs in the riding. "I am particularly pleased and proud to be able to present this for the first time in Kinmount, " he told the audience.

The marchers completed their tribute to their fallen comrades with a march-pass and salute. They then joined the church service at the community's Roman Catholic Church. A social hour followed at the Legion Hall.

Once again, the told temperatures prevailed Monday responsible for the ceremonies in Haliburton. Led by the branch's pipe band, a large contingent of members marched to the main street marker to pay their respects. Dalton MacDonald, representing the residents of the county, placed a wreath at the cenotaph. Wreaths from the province, federal government, Dysart et al, Legion branch and others were also presented.

Following the solemn ceremonies, the Legion members marched back to the hall for a luncheon and period of fellowship.

Similar services were held in the community in Wilberforce. Under the direction of the local Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion: number 624.

Following the ceremonies, the participants enjoyed a luncheon and social hour at the Legion hall.

As well as the special services planned for the cenotaphs and cairn in the area, students of the various schools took part in Remembrance Day programs.

Veterans' services set

Nov. 8, 1978 / FILE

This coming Saturday, Nov. 11 is Remembrance Day. For many people, this is just another day on the calendar, but for most of us, it's a time to stop from this work-a-day world and remember all those men who fought and laid their lives on the line in two Great Wars so that we may have the opportunity to live in a democracy of peace and understanding and freedom in one of the finest countries under the sun.

For most of the children, Remembrance Day is just another holiday and they don't understand what it's all about. It is our duty as parents to sit down with our children and try and make them aware what this day should mean to them and explain that they would not be living in our democratic system of freedom today if it hadn't been for the men who left their home and families to defend this country of ours.

Remembrance Day should be a special day for all of us and this coming Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Royal Canadian Legion Auditorium, a service of remembrance will be held to pay tribute to those brave men who laid down their lives in two Great Wars.

Is it asking too much of the citizens of this area to pause on Saturday morning for an hour to participate in this act of remembrance?

Following the service at the Legion a parade led by the Haliburton Legion Pipe Band will make its way to the cenotaph on Highland Street for the laying of the wreaths and the act of remembrance at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited to take part in these services.

Let's remember on this day the last three lines to John McCrae's famous poem, "In Flanders Fields".

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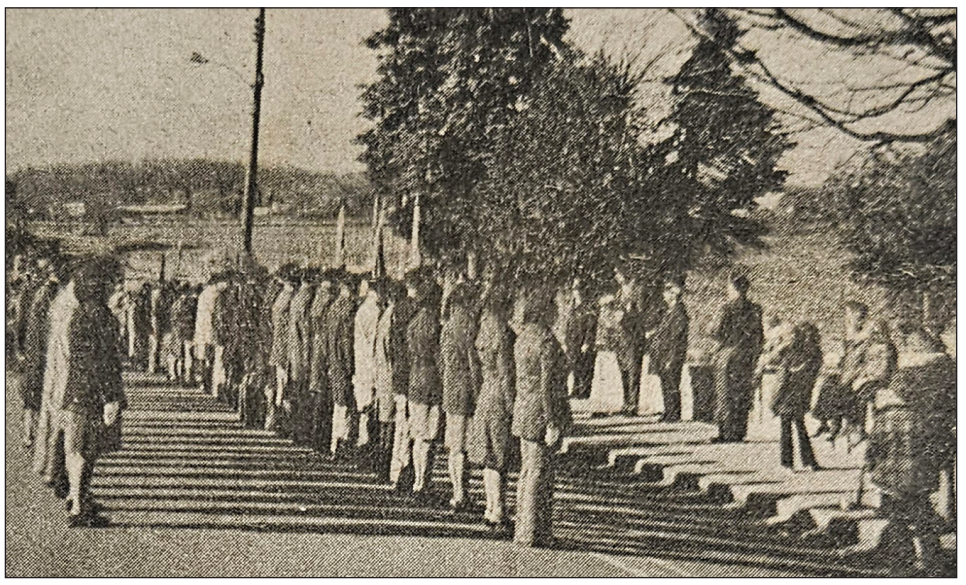
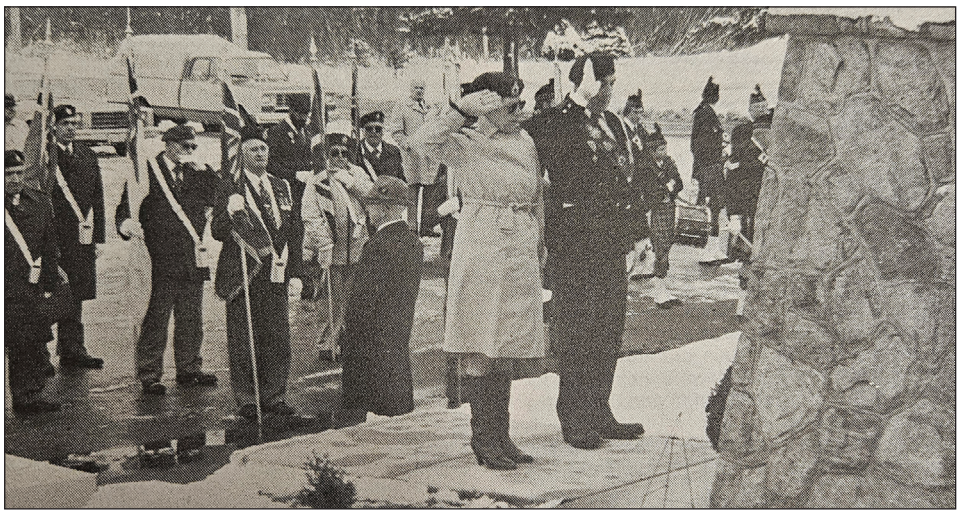


Members of the Legion, Ladies' Auxiliary, Cubs, and Girl Guides lined up at the cenotaph in Haliburton for Remembrance Day on Tuesday, Nov. 11, 1975. /FILE



Branch 129 President Joan Irish and Remembrance Day Parade Marshall Jim Hobson pay their respects to their fallen Canadian comrades during the service in front of the cairn in Minden. A large contingent of Legion members and members of the public gathered for the ceremony held on Sunday, Nov. 10, 1985. /FILE

Minden resident shares World War II memories

Nov. 9, 1998 / FILE

Every year, Canadians take the time to reflect on the seriousness of war and the importance of peace. Veterans, war brides and Canadians from all walks of life gather on Nov. 11 to think of those men and women who fought in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and other campaigns throughout the years, as well as pay special remembrance to those who did not return.

This Remembrance Day, as on every one that has passed, Maxine Cross of Minden will think of her brother and a family friend who were killed in World War II. She will also remember those she served with in the Royal Canadian Air Force in Alberta where she served as Leading Air Woman from 1942 to 1945.

"I always think of my brother and a friend of ours who were killed during the war and I shed a little tear. It's kind of a sad day," said Cross.

Serving in the Air Force was not always a grim experience, for Cross remembers fondly the time she spent working in the post office while stationed in Alberta. She laughs as she thinks about when she joined the service. Born and raised in Pickering, Cross traveled to Toronto to purchase a new outfit for Easter and ended up a member of the Air Force.

"I thought, I'll either buy a new suit or I will join up. So I joined up," says Cross. "My father had been in the service when he was young and two of my girlfriends had already joined. It was just natural for me."

After Basic Training and Trades Training in the postal department, Cross, along with thirty other women were shipped out to Claresholm Alberta to Air Force Training Base. The women participated in many drills, physical education classes and parades. They practiced preparing their uniforms, ensuring that all of their buttons were polished and their shoes looked like patent leather. Here Canadians from across the province worked at the base, which was frequented by troops from Australia, New Zealand, Britain and the United States for basic, elementary and service flying. New soldiers would arrive every month for training. "It was very interesting," says Cross. "There were always new people around and morale was good. You always had a change of people who wanted to know all about Canada and we wanted to know about where they were from."

After her time in Alberta, Cross was shipped to Ottawa among other areas and finally discharged in 1945. She joined the Ajax Legion in 1947. By 1976, she moved to Kinmount and joined the Legion again. Then she moved to the Haliburton Branch and finally Minden in 1997.

Although she no longer keeps in touch with any of the people she served with, Cross fondly remembers the times they spent together. She will think of those people on Remembrance Day this year, and the important work they accomplished.

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Gavin at the Canadian ceremony at Juno Beach on June 6th, 2024. /Submitted

Connecting generations of memories

Gavin Sharman and his family have been coming to the Haliburton area for almost 30 years. Included in many of Gavin's passions are music and World War One and Two history. In 2013, Gavin and his family travelled to Normandy, France where he first visited many World War Two sites including his first visit to the Juno Beach Centre in Courseulles-sur-Mer, Normandy, France.

In June, 2024 Gavin and his dad returned to France. After first visiting some World War One sites including the Vimy Memorial, they travelled to both Dunkirk and Dieppe. Gavin and his father then travelled back to the Normandy area. They had applied through Veterans Affairs Canada and received tickets to attend the Canadian ceremony on June 6th at Juno Beach commemorating the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings.

Upon returning home, Gavin's family researched and located Canadian veterans who had served throughout Europe during the Second World War. Gavin wasn't aware of what his family were up to. With the generous help from the President of the Haliburton Legion Mike Waller, his family located Mr. Cecil Bailey from Haliburton and Mr. George Skinner. Both these men had recently celebrated their 100th birthdays at the Haliburton Legion. Also, with the assistance of the President of the Legion in Mount Albert, Ontario, Gavin's family located Mr. Jim Parks. Mr. Parks had landed on Juno Beach on June 6th, 1944 and he too had recently celebrated his 100th birthday. Each of these gentlemen then signed Gavin's ticket to the 2024 ceremony. The framed, signed ticket was given to Gavin on his 25th birthday in September of this year.

Gavin was speechless. He appreciates what these gentlemen did for our country and for what they did for him. It is important to Gavin to be a part of making sure their sacrifices and their bravery are continuously celebrated and remembered.

Submitted by Scott Sharman

The Minden location of the Haliburton County Farmers' Market. /FILE

Right where we want to be, says HCFMA

by **THOMAS SMITH**
Editor

Whether you went for strawberries, soap, corn, or clothing, the Haliburton County Farmers' Markets had something for everyone this season.

"We are right where we want to be," says Keli Schmidt, secretary for the Haliburton County Farmers' Market board.

This year, the HCFMA ceased operation of their Abbey Gardens market location. Schmidt says that in 2023, the market had half of its attendance than they had in 2022. This year, they hoped the number would increase, but the crowd continued to dwindle.

The weather this year was wonderful, says Schmidt, comparing it to 2023. "We had two days in Haliburton and one day in Minden last year because the storm became so bad." Schmidt says that the board tells vendors to be prepared to sell in all types of weather. The market itself has sand bags and other equipment to steady themselves during unforeseen weather conditions, but were forced to close the markets in 2023 on three separate occasions.

"With climate change, we are having so many more crazy storms," says Schmidt.

Schmidt says that the number of attendees to the Minden market location has remained steady. The Haliburton location has returned to the number of attendees the market saw in 2022, says Schmidt.

In their busiest season, the market receives around 1,100 to 1,900 visitors and in the shoulder seasons, has around 500 to 900, says Schmidt.

Schmidt says that the size of the markets in Haliburton County are perfect. They are not too large where the crowds would feel like they are crushing you.

"There are just the right amount of visitors to our markets," says Schmidt.

The HCFMA has been discussing adding an additional third market after the closure of the Abbey Gardens location, but the location has yet to be determined. Things like parking, facilities and a suitable market area need to be considered before a third location is announced.

Schmidt herself runs the Haliburton Clothing Company and is a vendor at the markets.

"I love it," says Schmidt. "My business wouldn't exist without the markets."

"People can shop local without having to drive across the county," says Schmidt. "The markets are a one-stop shop." Some people think it is important that you can do all of your shopping locally without having to drive 100s of kilometres, says Schmidt.

The best part about vending at the market is the overarching sense of community. With visitors knowing other vendors and each other by name, Schmidt assures that the vibes are unmatched to those in a bigger city market.

Applications for the 2025 season will be opening in December. The deadline for applying will be at the end of January and successful applicants will be notified in March. Those interested in applying can contact the market through their email incredibleHCFMA@gmail.com.

"We are looking forward to our 2025 season and are grateful for our supporters and for Dysart for letting us go back to Head Lake Park in 2025," says Schmidt.

Schmidt says that Dysart has continued to have an open line of communication and the approval to use the park went painlessly.

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Annual photos with Santa at Snowflake Meadows

On Saturday, Nov. 9, Snowflake Meadows is hosting their fourth annual Photos with Santa event. Located at 1089 Ritchie Falls road, this event is fun for the entire family! Snowflake Meadows will be accepting food bank donations. It is highly encouraged to bring your letters to Santa. There will also be cupcakes available by Bluebird Cakes. This Photos with Santa event will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Halloween in Minden

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Liam and Lincoln dressed as Spider-Man and Blippi. /Sumbitted

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November 16th, 2024 Parade Start at 11am!

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For more information visit https://www.mindenhills.ca/events/

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Halloween in Minden

Lennon and Harper Tiffin dressed as a ninja and Sailor Moon to visit Hyland Crest on Halloween. Submitted

HHHS exceeds fundraising goal for imaging equipment

by **EMILY STONEHOUSE**
Times Staff

It's the dawn of a new era for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) Foundation, and their diligent efforts for diagnostic imaging equipment in the area.

"I heard stories of residents, just moments from an HHHS site, who, after slipping and hitting their heads, had to endure a long, bumpy ride to Lindsay before learning what was wrong," said Melanie Klodt Wong, the executive director of the foundation, to a room full of people on Nov. 1 at the Haliburton Hospital. "This wasn't an isolated story."

Klodt Wong had gathered people on the Friday afternoon for an announcement. An announcement that would change the course of the foundation's Here for You in the Highlands campaign, which set out to raise $4.3 million for diagnostic imaging technology at the local hospital, including CT, mammography, updated ultrasound, picture archiving communications system, and related technologies.

"In January 2023, we built a case for our application and, before long, had over 100 letters of community support," said Klodt Wong. "I knew then that, no matter how long it took, we had to bring CT here. Soon after, I was introduced to Malcolm Cockwell, and our case for support began to take shape."

Cockwell is the managing director for Haliburton Forest, and while originally hailing from Toronto, has made Haliburton County his home. Upon recognizing the dire need for upgraded imaging equipment at the hospital, Cockwell and his family made a decision in early 2023 to donate $500,000 to the cause.

"We are deeply grateful to Malcolm and his family for their trust and support. Their $500,000 leadership gift sent a strong message to local businesses, community leaders, and residents," said Klodt Wong. "People began talking about this campaign in a big way, and our public campaign was launched."

Klodt Wong was clear that community support continued to fuel the fire of the campaign, with additional fundraising initiatives led by Tayce Wakefield, including the Matt Duchene Golf Tournament and the local Radiothon, which was in support of women's health and breast cancer screening, and "exceeded all expectations," said Klodt Wong.

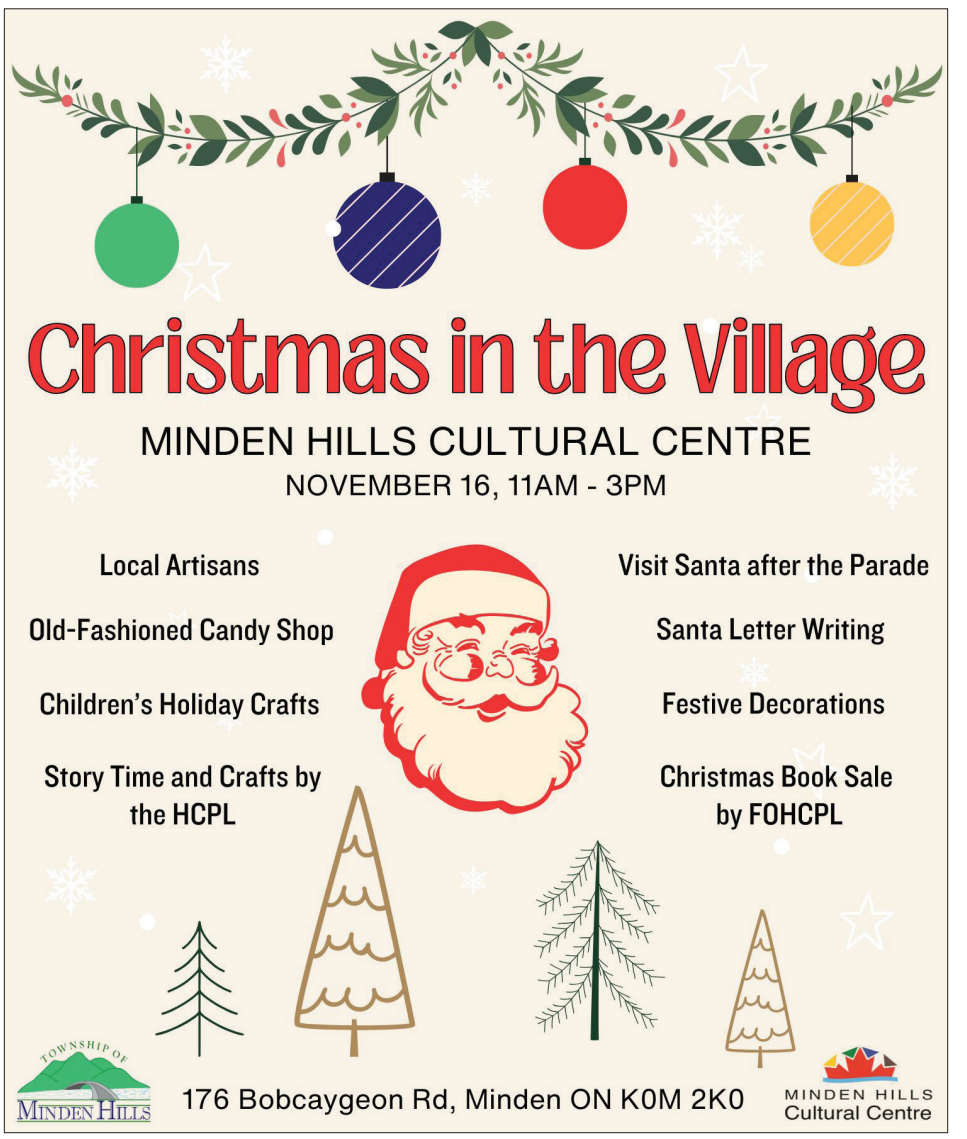
But the campaign didn't end there. Residents continued individual support and donations, and the dream of the equipment began to seem like a reality.

And on Friday, with many of the donors and advocates for the cause standing in the room, HHHS announced that Malcolm Cockwell and Haliburton Forest have given a second donation of $500,000, bringing the total raised to $6,225,000 - enough to also provide for an urgently-needed new x-ray suite.

"The importance of the diagnostic imaging campaign's objectives was clear to our group from the first discussion with HHHS," said Cockwell. "Increasing the capability and capacity of the hospital is critical to the well-being of our employees, clients, their families, visitors, and all other residents in the region."

HHHS CEO Veronica Nelson stepped into the role during a tumultuous time, with staffing uncertainty abound and equipment considerations on the forefront of many discussions. "Veronica has been leading the operations of a rural healthcare system, optimizing it for future sustainability, overseeing construction to bring in new services, and speaking at donor community events to build trust in and understanding of this project," said Klodt Wong. "Veronica, we wouldn't be here without you."

"Adding these diagnostic imaging technologies and services is the first step forward in our plans to build capacity in and expand healthcare services in the county," said Nelson. "Our community deserves access to excellent local care. We thank every donor for their support in helping us optimize health and wellbeing in the county."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Answers on page 19

Township of Algonquin Highlands

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

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Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on November 27, 2024, at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands Ontario.

Description of Lands:

1. Roll No. 46 21 004 000 41500 0000; 52935 BIG HAWK - NORTH SHORE, ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS; PIN 39299-0175 (LT); PT LT 23 CON 14 STANHOPE AS IN H268963; ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS; File No. 23-21. According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is $154,000 **Minimum tender amount: $14,565.36**
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Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to, availability of road access, or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers.

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. A full copy of the tax sale advertisement and further information about this matter is available on line at www.OntarioTaxSales.ca or www.algonquinhighlands.ca or you may contact Karen Mintz, Tax Administrator, The Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands, 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands ON K0M 1S0, Phone: 705-489-2379 Ext. 323, Email: kmintz@algonquinhighlands.ca

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Aaju Peter is an activist, lawyer, educator and clothing designer, most famous for her work defending the rights of the Inuit in Canada and Greenland. Barbara Kraus is a translator, educator, culturalist, and chef. She is well known in the Highlands as the co-owner of Tamarack Lodge near Gooderham. Ms. Kraus has lived abroad for a good part of her adult life and has travelled extensively, always in search of new landscapes and cultures. This presentation will offer a closer look at what it truly means to live in remote Northern communities.

The Speakers Series, a member of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative, takes place on the second Wednesday of each month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association Fish Hatchery, 6712 Gelert Road. This month it will be on Nov. 13. Admission is $15/person payable at the door or on line at www.tellingourstories.company.site.

As seating is limited, pre-registration is highly recommended. To obtain tickets, contact Barrie Martin at 705-457-7557 or by email at barrieinthehighlands@gmail.com.

Submitted

Every child and youth deserves permanency

Adoption Awareness Month takes place in November and is an opportunity for children's aid societies to raise awareness about the role that everyone can play in helping young people achieve permanency through adoption. Every child needs permanency and life-long connections.

Every child deserves to be with their family of origin. Children living with their own families, in their own culture and in their home communities is a priority. However, for some children and youth, living with their kin is not always possible. When it is not, the child deserves a family that is a good fit for them.

The number of children and youth in society care and available to be adopted has steadily decreased over the last several years as the primary goal of children's aid societies is focused on supporting children to live safely in their own homes.

Adoption is one of several permanency options that children's aid societies consider when looking for life-long connections for children in care. Placing children with extended family members (Kinship, Customary Care), an alternate caregiver through legal custody, and adoption are all options that are considered.

The right match for children and youth requires finding adoptive parents who share the diverse cultural and religious backgrounds of our children and youth. We are also committed to finding families that have the strengths and skills to support children who may have siblings, complex needs, or open adoption relationships with their family of origin. It continues to be challenging to find families who are ready and able to meet the needs of older children, large sibling groups, or those with complex medical, developmental, and behavioural needs. "We believe that every child is adoptable however the search for the right match for a child can take time," says Heather Owens, Adoption Supervisor, with Highland Shores Children's Aid.

"Our goal is to find the right families for children and youth while making those connections as quickly as possible. Fewer children are coming into our care, and for those who cannot return home to their family of origin we look to find permanent life-long connections out of foster care for these children and youth to prosper", says Owens.

The development of life-long connections and supports for children and youth through stable, permanent homes wherever possible in family-based placements is the primary goal. "The benefits of maintaining lasting family connections with individuals whom the child has connections to are numerous and all young people, including those in care, deserve those benefits," says Owens.

If you are interested in learning if adoption is right for you, please visit the Central Adoption Intake Service via the Adoption Council of Ontario website, www.adoption.on.ca.

Submitted

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Township of Algonquin Highlands

PUBLIC NOTICE
Applicant(s): Cutt
Lot 3, Concession 1, Kushog Lake
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 3, Concession 1, Kushog Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 3, Concession 1, described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: THAT part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 3, Concession 1, described as Part 1 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-10810.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the **21st day of November, 2024** and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

Dated: November 6th, 2024

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Planner
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Township of Algonquin Highlands

PUBLIC NOTICE
Applicant(s): Dick & Dick
Lot 29, Concession 5, Maple Lake
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared parts of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 29, Concession 5, Maple Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 29, Concession 5, described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: THAT parts of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 29, Concession 5, described as Parts 1 and 2 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-10999.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the 21st day of November, 2024 and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

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As per Carole's request cremation has taken place and there will be no funeral or celebration of life.

If desired a donation in memory of Carole to Carpenter Hospice or Southern Ontario Sheltie Rescue Society would be sincerely appreciated.

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Caleb Edward Davison

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Cal had a wonderful life and was a genuine friend to everyone, he was a "one of a kind" and will be solely missed by Elaine his wife, friend and soulmate of 49 years. Cal leaves behind two sons, Ted (Kathy) and Pat (Sherri), as well as 5 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Cal enjoyed all outdoor activities, cutting firewood, maple syrup making, and gardening. He was also a Legion member, playing Friday night darts. He loved classic country music – especially Bluegrass and Mac Wisement.

Many thanks to the many friends and wonderful neighbours for all their help, kindness and friendship.

We are very grateful for the care and concern provided by all our health care personnel and for Dr. S. Coles support over these past years.

If desired, Memorial Donations may be made out to the Minden Community Food Centre (Minden Food Bank) or to any of our local charities and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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Phyllis Elaine Clewlow (nee Gregory)

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Loving Grandmother to Carmen, Sharon, Daniel, Michael, Serena, Jeanne, Shawn, Jeffery and Andrew. 20 Great Grandchildren and 3 Great Great Grandchildren.

Dear sister of the late Milton (Bud) Gregory and Robert Gregory.
Phyllis was a special friend of the late Telesphore (Tom) Bissonnette (2019).

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Wentworth (Went) James Edgar Hogg

Age 90, of Dorchester and formerly of Stratford passed away peacefully at the Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll, on October 22, 2024. Born in Yarmouth, NS, son of the late Donald and Fay Hogg.

Beloved husband for 67 years of Amy (Stewart) who passed away in February 2024. Loving father of Stewart, Jim and Stephen (Michele). Grandfather of Susan Byrne, David Byrne (Nathalie). Great grandfather of Amelia Osso, Lilianna Osso, Rosalie Byrne, Edison Byrne. Brother-in-law of Eunice (Leslie). He will be fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Predeceased by wife Amy, son Stewart, sisters Edna (Fenton), Lillian (Seawright), Louise and brothers Arthur and Leslie.

Went grew up in Nova Scotia and learned a good work ethic at a young age. After moving to Ontario, he owned his own farm in Mossley and worked as a welder and a mechanic. Went purchased a marina in Haliburton and together with his wife and sons operated Wentworth's Marina. A few years later he started W.H. Treads, a tire retreading plant in Haliburton. Upon retiring he volunteered at a thrift store in Stratford and continued his passion for restoring farm equipment with his son Jim in Putnam.

Sincerest thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff at the Alexandra Hospital for the care and support that they provided to Went in his last days.

A celebration of Went's life was held at the Bieman Funeral Home, 3970 Hamilton Road, Dorchester ON, on Sunday, November 3rd 2024 from 1-3 P.M. Donations in Went's memory may be made directly to the Alexandra Hospital Foundation, 29 Noxon Street, Ingersoll, ON N5C 1B8 www.alexandrahospital.on.ca would be appreciated.

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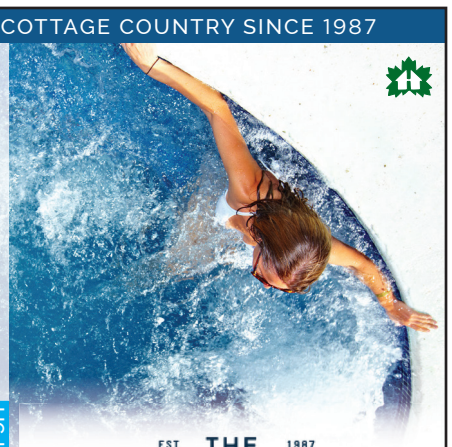

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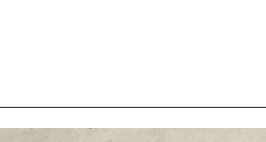

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As the temperature dropped and the winds picked up, Minden Legionaire Phil Graham has a moment of silent reflection after laying a wreath at Minden's Remembrance Day service on Sunday, November 7. Haliburton's Sgt. At Arms Brian Hambly salutes the cenotaph. More photos on page 10.

User fees for Frost likely

Ministry of Natural Resources refuses to fund Haliburon Highlands Water Trails

by LANCE CROSSLEY
Times staff

Reeve Eleanor Harrison says Algonquin Highlands is "stuck between a rock and a hard place" after the Ministry of Natural Resources denied its request to help fund the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails.

Council was hoping the government would at least partially fund the water trails in cooperation with the township.

Now it looks like it will have to charge user fees for Frost Centre campers.

Reeve Harrison pitched the proposal to government officials last July and was encouraged by the response she got, so the refusal came as a bit of a blow.

"I thought it was reasonably well-received. We were hopeful the Ministry would stay at the table as a contributing funding partner but it seems that's not going to happen. Our only other option is to do nothing which as a municipality we can't do because that would allow the campsites and portages to go back to the state they were in before," said Harrison at last Thursday's council meeting.

The HHWT program was designed to assist the MNR with the protection and preservation of the Frost Centre's campsites and portages, many of which were suffering from overuse and neglect. When the government closed the Frost Centre down, Algonquin Highlands was left as sole caretaker of the land.

"We didn't feel it was Algonquin Highlands' problem on our own," said Reeve Eleanor Harrison.

Council feels that residents of Algonquin Highlands should not have to pay for environmental degradation caused by outside visitors to the area. Without government funding and not wanting to increase taxes, council will move toward a user-pay system for the water trails.

"From day one when we started all this, I guess you could kind of see it was heading in this direction, although we didn't want it to," said Councillor Tom Gardner.

Gardner suggested that a user-pay system is not an ideal solution but council has little choice in the matter: "I guess because it's always been free you think it should always remain that way. But I suppose at one time you never had to pay for hunting licenses. People just went out when they were hungry and there was no worry about what was in season. And now we accept it freely, same with fishing licences. I don't know. Maybe my kids and grandchildren will think nothing

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Clinic closing doors

Dr. Jaan Roos announces his retirement

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

While there is regret and concern that Dr. Jaan Roos has announced that the only doctor clinic in Minden will close at the end of January, other local healthcare providers say the future of local medical services is not bleak.

Dr. Roos announced on Wednesday that with his retirement from private practice on January 28, the other two doctors at the clinic will not be able to *afford to keep it open. (See story page 5.)*

"It's a loss but at the same time there may be an opportunity that's opening for some new doctors that we hope to recruit," says Foster Loucks, the former CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services and the chairman of its doctor recruitment committee.

In September, committee members went on a tour in search of new doctors for the Minden clinic, which is housed in the HHHS's facilities on Deep Bay Road. "It was a better tour than we've experienced in the past where, if there were leads, they seemed to stop. This time we made some good contacts. There are four or five good leads.

"They're still birds in the bush rather than birds in the hand, but we did have doctors who have Haliburton County in mind," Loucks says.

It's hoped that these doctors will be able to come to Minden to tour the facilities in the next few months.

Dr. Roos's retirement will leave only one full-time doctor in Minden, Bennett Wu. He does not have full medical privileges

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